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## College prunes program funds

Federal mandate changes lead to cuts

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**A** change in a federal mandate saved Missouri Southern approximately \$55,000, but cut more than 30 students from the Work Study Program.

Last year, the federal government approved \$160,000 to financial aid, and Southern added approximately one-third on top of the total monies approved, said Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid.

**“Close to half of the full-time students receive Pell Grants. So, because a higher percentage of students receive grants, the College doesn't feel quite as obligated to give them money.”**

—Jim Gilbert

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In 1994-95, the government granted \$169,000, but because Southern is now considered a low-cost emerging institution, the College doesn't have to give the program any funds.

“Before, they would determine how much they are going to give you, then require you to put in 25 percent of that figure in matching funds,” said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. “That mandate was removed, and we did not have to produce the matching funds.”

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The total losses mean that the Work Study Program will have to cut more than 30 students from its employee list, Gilbert said.

In addition to the loss of funds from the College, a mandate was created that says 10 percent of the student assist money from the government must go to community service.

Gilbert said most of the community service money, which amounts to approximately \$17,000, will go to student employees in Spiva Library.

“We could have chosen to have an off-campus community service

program,” Gilbert said, “but we wanted to give the money to students.”

Last year, student earnings exceeded the expected amount, causing the program to take funds from this year's budget.

“Last year, students earned more money than we originally expected,” Gilbert said, “so that also took money from this year's budget.”

At the beginning of the academic year, the Work Study Program had about \$110,000, approximately \$55,000 less than last year at the start of the

program.”

### THE BIG YANK



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Scott Anderson, freshman business major, and Nathan Thomas, freshman undecided, go for broke during a bungee run at opening-week festivities in the campus oval. CAB sponsored the free event.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## Ray loses bout with cancer

Instructor honored after 15 years here

By PAULA SMITH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**A** 15-year member of Missouri Southern's education faculty has died after a four-month battle with cancer.

G. Erin Ray, 62, assistant professor of education, died at 11 p.m. Sunday at her home in Cassville.

“She was an excellent classroom teacher,” said Dr. Edward Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology. “She will be missed by the students and the faculty because of her personality and her extremely good wit.”

Gilbert said there may be no relief from the cutbacks in the near future.

“As long as [the College] makes the budget policies this way, our situation won't improve,” he said.

Ray came to Southern in 1979 after more than 25 years of service at schools in Eagle County, Colo., Cassville, and McDonald County.

She was the director of Southern's Plus, a summer educational program for students in the third through eighth grades.

Dr. Nancy Smith, associate professor of education, remembers how much Ray enjoyed her profession.

“I loved working with her,” Smith said. “She was full of creative ideas, and she always carried them through. She was very dynamic.”

Dr. Danny Overdeer, assistant professor of education, agreed.

“What I remember most about her is her real positive attitude,” he said. “Her giggling in the hall made it really pleasant.”

She married Ed Ray in 1952. He survives of the home.

Ray was born Aug. 9, 1932, in Denver, Colo. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1958 from the University of Northern Colorado.

She earned a master's degree in education in 1970 from Southwest Missouri State University, and did post-graduate work from 1973 to 1979 at Drury College, SMSU, Southern, the University of Wisconsin, Pittsburg State University, and Loyola University.

Ray was listed in the 1975 edition of *Who's Who Among Missouri Educators*. A former president of Phi Delta Kappa, the educational fraternity honored her in 1977.

She married Ed Ray in 1952. He survives of the home.

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By T.R. HANRAHAN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

## Fall grad petitions for ceremony

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**C**ameron Whitney wants to share his graduation day with his classmates, but fears he will have to settle for a family get-together in Tulsa.

Whitney is scheduled to graduate in December and move directly into the work force, preventing him from attending May commencement ceremonies. The senior sociology and economics major is planning to circulate a petition asking the College to consider a December ceremony for mid-year graduates.

“I'm not asking for an elaborate ceremony,” Whitney said. “I just think it is important for [December graduates] to get together and recognize that we are finally finished.”

“We just want to share the day with our families in celebration of this momentous occasion.”

Although College officials say they will give such a petition consideration, Whitney knows fruition is a longshot.

“I've been told that there are several negatives,” he said. “For instance, it is close to the Christmas season, it costs money to hold a second commencement, and the tracking of grades might be hard to do.”

Dr. Eugene Mouser, registrar, said such a ceremony would be contingent on students turning in applications for graduation on time.

“Applications for this December were due last April,” he said. “Despite that [deadline], I just received a few today.”

The final decision on a December commencement would rest with College President Julio Leon, who said he would not rule out such a move.

“If we receive a petition we will look into it,” Leon said. “We surely understand those students' desire to participate.”

“There may be some logistical difficulties, however. Receiving the students' final grades in

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### NIGHTMARE IN WEBSTER



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Mickey Corporon, 13, of Neosho, checks out a mask that was used in the movie *Nightmare on Elm Street* VII. The mask was a part of a presentation by Greg Nicotero, special effects artist with K and B Effects Group in Los Angeles. Nicotero has worked on movies like *Dances with Wolves*, *City Slickers*, and others.

### ADMINISTRATION

## Bitterbaum excited about job

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**F**or Missouri Southern's new vice president for academic affairs, the first month in Joplin seemed all too familiar.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum and his family lived in one of the campus apartments in late June and early July while their house was being completed.

“We really enjoyed it,” Bitterbaum said. “My wife and I met in graduate school, and I teased her about having brought her full circle.”

Bitterbaum comes to Southern from Methodist University in North Carolina after a year-long national search to replace Dr. Robert Brown. Brown left in 1993 to become president of Arkansas Tech University.

Bitterbaum said he is excited about the potential he sees at Southern.

“I'm delighted with the richness and diversity I see in the programs and faculty,” he said. “I'm still in the learning phase—seeing what I can do to help.”

Bitterbaum said he sees his job as facilitator for the faculty and staff.

“This office is here to serve the faculty and staff,” he said. “I want to help build on the strengths of each department and see what the needs are in terms of equipment and support. I want to serve as a consensus builder and a facilitator.”

By serving in that role, Bitterbaum said he can help the College fulfill its main goal of helping students.

“Students are central to everything we do,” he said. “The faculty has an enthusiastic desire to do a wonderful job.”

Bitterbaum has a number of plans for Southern. The international emphasis in the College's mission is the basis for many of these plans.

“I'm spending a lot of time and energy on the development of a fifth school—a school of international studies,” he said. “This might be an interdisciplinary major, or it may be a certificate where a student could major in one of the disciplines and take 12 hours of selected classes with a

foundation in international subjects.”

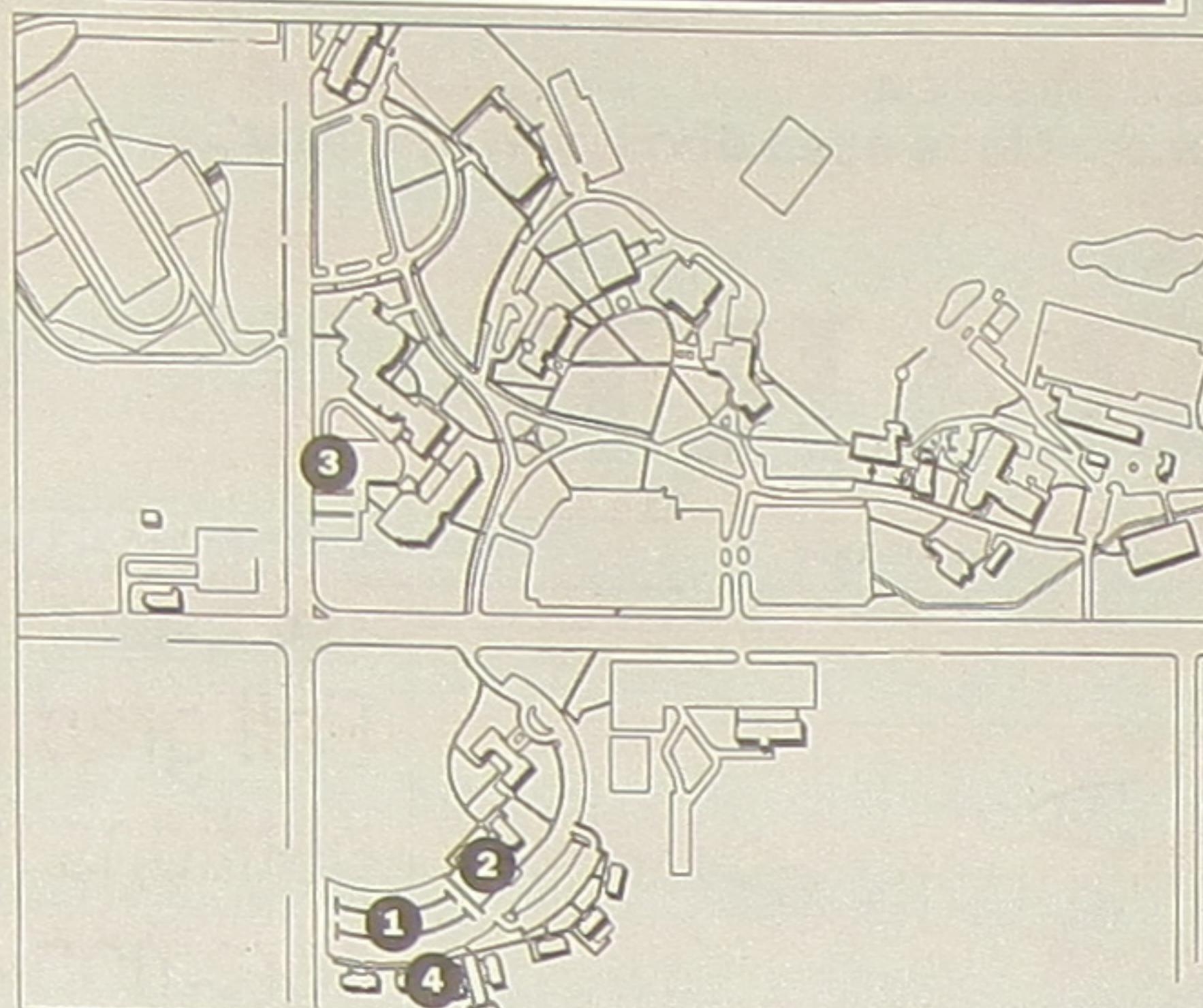
Bitterbaum said some of his plans can be implemented without additional resources and money, while others will require approval from the state Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Bitterbaum said he has had to adjust to a different system of governance.

“At a private institution you answer to a board of trustees and the alumni,” he said. “Here, you answer to the CBHE and a statewide audience. Private colleges are entirely tuition-driven with trustee support. There are more layers [of management] here.”

College President Julio Leon said Bitterbaum's transition has been smooth.

“He is a quick study, and the only adjustment has been the switch from one campus to another,” Leon said. “He has been brought up to speed on the issues unique to Missouri Southern. He already knows most, if not all, of the faculty and understands the subtleties of the character of the institution.”

## CAMPUS CRIME REPORT



**1** 8/22/84 LOT 23 2:50 p.m. The owner of a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier reported that he found a large dent just behind the driver's side door.

**2** 8/25/94 BLAINE HALL 10:47 a.m. The front tire on a locked bike was bent, making the bike inoperable. Investigation continues.

**3** 8/25/94 LOT 26 9 p.m. A vehicle that had stopped at the stop sign in the parking lot was backed into by another vehicle that was trying to pull out of a parking spot. Vehicle 1 had a large dent behind the passenger side door and vehicle 2 had minimal damage to its back bumper.

**4** 8/27/94 MAUPIN HALL 10:15 p.m. A resident of Maupin Hall reported that she was missing money from her purse that was kept in her apartment. She reported a loss of \$20 on one occasion and \$3 on another occasion.

SOURCE: Campus Security Office

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Also surviving are a son, Dale Douglas Ray, Boise, Idaho; two daughters, Twila Jean Korder, Champaign, Ill., and Connie Ellen Clark, Purcell, Okla.; a sister, Kathy Castell, Cassville; and four grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Cassville. Contributions may be made to

the Professor G. Erin Ray Scholarship Fund at Southern, in care of Merryman's office.

Dr. James Sandrin, head of the department of education, said Ray will be missed.

"She was one of a kind, a very genuine person," he said.

"We will be hiring someone to fill her position, but really no one can take her place."

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time, for instance."

Although December graduates are welcome to participate in the May ceremony, Whitney said that is sometimes impossible.

"A lot of students like myself have jobs lined up," he said. "There is no way we can make it back for a May graduation."

"Besides, after that time frame between December and May it becomes anti-climactic."

Whitney said he hopes the College will consider possible benefits.

"I think one positive would be that it might decrease the crowds," he said. "Why not have one in December and one in

May?"

Whitney said one solution might be to let the December graduates walk through the commencement line the preceding May. Leon said that also would be given consideration.

"All options can be explored," Leon said. "At this point we are not closed to anything."

"I'm surprised about the amount of concern people have shown me," Mosher said. "It makes me feel good."

Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science, had a heart attack Aug. 14 while visiting relatives in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. David Tate, head of the social science department, said Yates is recovering from triple bypass surgery and should be back in Joplin after Labor Day.

"He could be back in the classroom by the middle of the semester," Tate said.

**ADS WORK**

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## Joyner takes job in New Orleans

BY RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Rosanne Joyner has migrated to "The Big Easy."

Joyner, director of clinical field experiences at Missouri Southern, has taken a job as the assistant dean of undergraduate student of the college of education at the University of New Orleans, a school with an enrollment of about 16,000.

"It was a big decision for me," Joyner said. "I had a lot of good years at Southern."

Joyner was a co-recipient of Southern's Outstanding Teaching Award in 1990, one of many honors during her nine-year stint at the College.

Joyner said she couldn't pass

on the excellent opportunities in New Orleans.

"This is a good opportunity to expand my horizons," she said. "I love the New Orleans area. Not only that, but this is a great opportunity for personal growth as well as professional growth."

Joyner, who started her new position Monday, said the job is not that different from the work she did at Southern.

"There are a lot of similarities between the jobs," she said. "Both are exceptional programs."

At Southern, Joyner was in charge of assigning all the student teaching and clinical work from the College to all areas around Joplin. Last year, she placed about 1,200 people in several different areas.

Dr. Edward Merryman, dean of

## COLLEGE FACULTY

## Heart problems strike two of Southern's faculty

BY PAULA SMITH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two Missouri Southern faculty members are recuperating after heart attacks over the summer.

Dr. Mel Mosher, professor of chemistry and assistant director of the Regional Crime Lab, suffered a heart attack July 25 in the crime lab. Mike Davis and Lance Antle, working in the lab with him, rushed to find Mike Krtek, the teacher of an EMT class. Krtek performed CPR on Mosher.

"Because of them, that's why I'm still here, in my opinion," Mosher said.

He said he does not remember anything about that day or the day before and after his heart attack. His knowledge of the events comes from what he was told by others.

"I know it was about 3:30 in the afternoon because my watch stopped when they shocked me with the defibrillator," Mosher said. He said he is slowly recovering and glad to be back after being out for two weeks.

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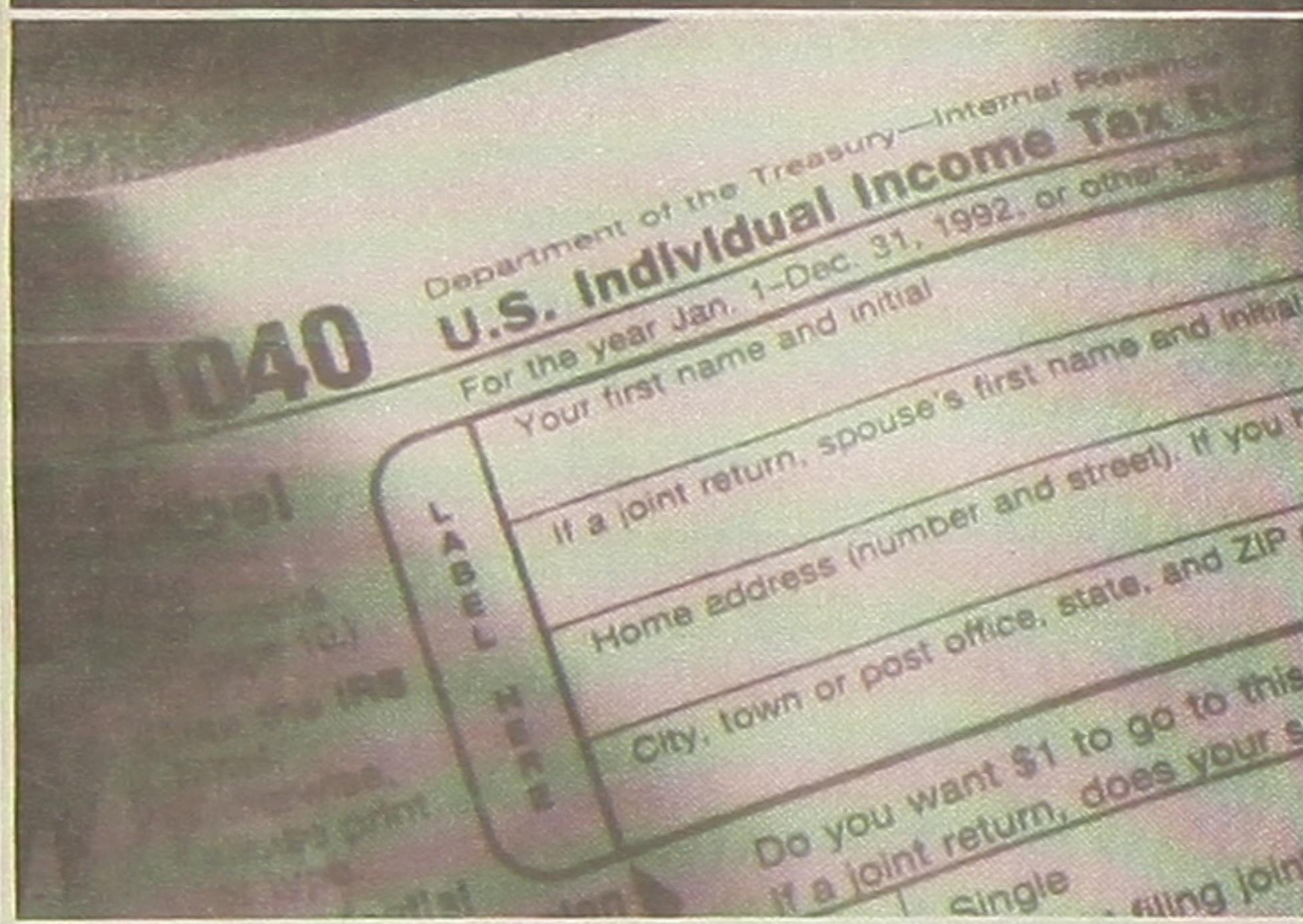
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## COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

# Mission changes on CBHE agenda

School of international studies among proposals

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Graduate degrees and a new school of international studies could be coming Missouri Southern's way.

At the Aug. 19 meeting of Southern's Board of Regents, College President

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*I prefer to think of it (university status) in a subservient position. At this point, our interest is in redefining our mission.*

—Dr. Julio Leon

Julio Leon proposed several changes intended to redefine the College's mission.

Among the proposed changes:

- Creation of a school of international studies.
- Implementation of a master's degree program in nursing.

- Implementation of a master's degree or five-year degree in education.

- Implementation of a master's degree in accounting.

- Implementation of a bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology.

Some of the proposed changes will require approval from the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"In our conversations with the CBHE staff, we have agreed to present a concept paper which is currently in the drafting stage," Leon said. "We expect to have it taken up sometime this fall—most likely in November or December."

Speculation that the moves are intended to move Southern closer to university status is misplaced, according to Leon.

"A lot of people ask that question," he said. "I prefer to think of it (university status) in a subservient position. At this point, our interest is in redefining our mission."

want to place a strong emphasis on our foreign language offerings, for instance.

"We need to prepare graduates for a world that is increasingly global."

The school would have a dean and begin operation with existing faculty.

"Essentially, this would be an umbrella-type of structure utilizing the current faculty of the institution. The school's administration would be set up to direct the program's offerings."

Among the other changes, Leon said he believes the proposed bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology will address a developing need.

"As our country gets more complex with new technology being used in the manufacturing process, a need is created," he said. "Traditionally, we have prepared graduates for Wall Street but not manufacturing."

Leon also said the cooperation of two existing schools would prove invaluable.

"I think what we have here is a program that could combine the expertise of the schools of business and technology," he said.



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## STICKY SITUATION



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Jeff Green, freshman business major, finds himself stuck in a velcro spider's web during CAB-sponsored activities last week.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

# Rabold assumes counseling post

3-month national search finds Doman's successor

By PAULA SMITH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A three-month-long national search has turned up Missouri Southern's new director of counseling.

Dr. Linda Rabold replaces Dr. Earle Doman, who left to become vice president for student services at Arkansas Tech University.

"She was highly recommended," said Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice

president for student services.

Dolence headed the search committee that selected Rabold. He said Southern received 64 applications for the position, including three from the College.

The search committee worked from the end of April to the end of July to find Doman's successor. Three finalists were brought to campus for interviews.

"We certainly felt she was a qualified candidate and were

pleased to offer her the position," Dolence said. "I think the faculty and staff will find her a person who wants to work with students."

Rabold recently received her Ph.D. in counseling education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She was the director of the campus assistance center at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for two years.

Prior to holding that position, Rabold was a career and personal counselor there for five years.

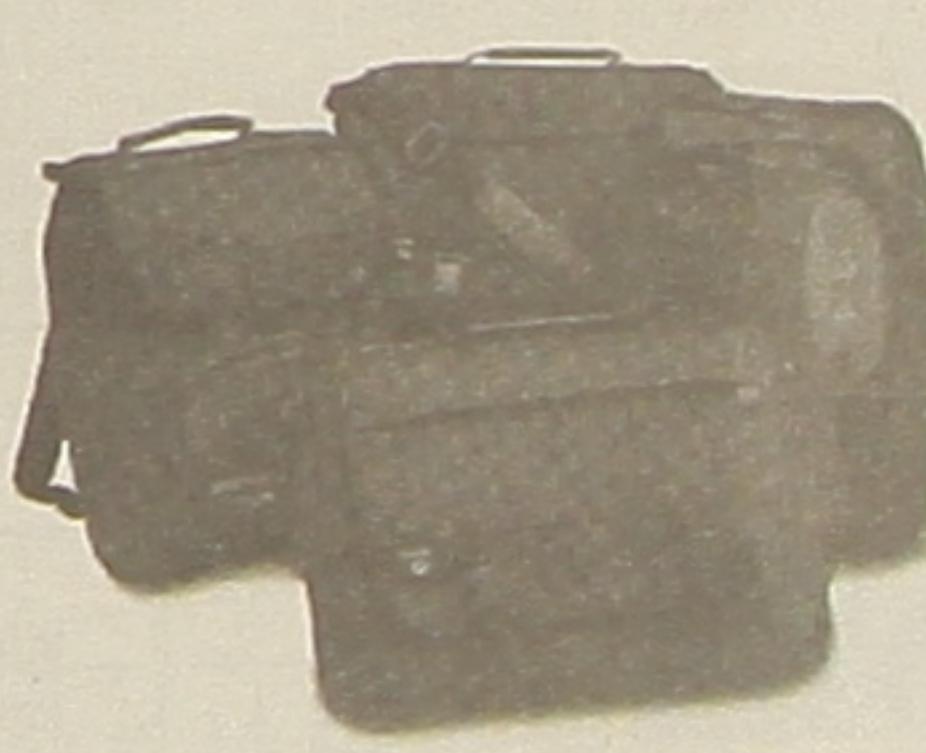
Rabold said she accepted the position because of the challenges and opportunities it will provide her.

"With the type of responsibilities that the job includes, I saw a potential for more professional growth on my part," she said.

The students and the size of the College also attracted Rabold.

"Everyone made me feel comfortable when I was on campus, especially the students," she said. Rabold said she has many ideas for the counseling depart-

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## SPENCER'S SLANT



## OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of The Chart staff. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Is there common ground?

All Cameron Whitney wants is to share graduation with his friends and family. Sadly, it appears such a happy occasion will not come to pass.

As a December 1994 graduate, Whitney will be invited to join College commencement exercises next May. Unfortunately, he will be starting his career and unable to attend.

In an effort to help himself and other December graduates, Whitney is starting a petition requesting the College hold an additional ceremony in December.

While sentiment is with him, circumstances and the numbers are not. Only about 200 persons graduated from Southern in December 1993. When combined with the Christmas season, extra paper-

work for both students and the College alike, and the extra cost such a ceremony would demand, the hurdles look high indeed.

Whitney is not attempting to ruffle feathers here; he just wants the same opportunity afforded May graduates. Neither is Southern the bad guy. College officials have to crunch numbers and operate within the budget.

We hope the College will consider all alternatives and find a way for all the parties to come together. Perhaps the December graduates could go through the commencement line the previous May.

Whatever happens, we hope Whitney keeps trying. Even if nothing happens in time for his graduation, he could give December 1995 graduates the gift of a lifetime.

## It's time for an overpass

It was only a matter of time.

With the 1994-95 school year barely a week old, a student was hit by a car while attempting to cross Duquesne Road. Repeatedly Missouri Southern has asked Joplin to lower the speed limit of Duquesne to 25 miles-per-hour. While the city gave in to a 35 miles-per-hour speed limit, it is hardly enough.

At best, the crossing from the Hughes Stadium parking lot is a challenge. At worst, it is perilous. The crosswalk is located on a hill, and motorists rarely slow to even the posted speed limit. Students should not have to play dodge-ball with cars simply to get to class.

It is high time both Joplin and the College realize the traffic patterns on and near the campus have shifted eastward. With that shift come greater demands on both to protect the lives of the pedestrians attending classes here.

Joplin should immediately lower the posted speed limit to 25 miles-per-hour, and Southern should build the oft-suggested overpass across Duquesne. Fortunately, the student who was injured Tuesday was treated and released.

The next victim may not be so lucky. How many incidents will it take before both parties take responsibility? One injury is enough; one tragedy will be one too many.

## YOUR LETTERS

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## Campus traffic, pedestrians don't mix

This is a physician's summary of a very long and involved hospital stay of a 57-year-old white male who was involved in a motor vehicle accident.

The patient was taken by ambulance to the emergency room with hypotension, systolic blood pressure 70 or 80, was resuscitated and underwent emergent evaluation for the following

injuries: closed head trauma; facial lacerations and fractures; multiple left rib fractures; left hemothorax; large pelvic fracture with pelvic hematoma; ruptured left diaphragm; splenic lacerations and left subtrochanteric hip fracture; microscopic hematuria; status post urinary infection with Enterococcus and Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus; status post chole-

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Our false idols

Heroes are all around us if only we look

It seems Americans are looking desperately for heroes and ignoring the obvious.

In the wake of the O.J. Simpson arrest, the media dished out the usual fare of "where have all the heroes gone" stories. While such junk-food coverage is deliciously satisfying to our curiosity, it assumes that athletes and entertainers are the only heroes. Such an assumption is not only false, but often proves disappointing when these media-appointed idols quickly become tragedians.

By placing athletes and other performers for hire into the role of a hero, we arbitrarily and by fiat assign to him or her such qualities that make no allowances for human weakness and foibles. The "fallen idol" role into which the media have cast Simpson is not one he thrust upon himself. It is the fault of the sportswriters, sportscasters, and fans who confused his on-field excellence with personal purity. It is unfair to place a person in such a position simply because he performs in the public eye. Charles Barkley does not want to be a role model for America, and he shouldn't have to be.

Admire the performance of the athlete but look around you for heroes and you might be surprised what you discover. Glance to your left in class and maybe you'll see the single mother of two who works full-time and is putting herself through school. Ted Williams once said the hardest thing to do in the lives of others.

Personally, my heroes are my grandfather and grandmother. They worked through the Depression, built a business, and retired financially secure. Along the way they adopted my mother, a poor, shy teenager from Puerto Rico. They raised her to be a strong, confident woman with great compassion and character. My grandfather died several years ago, but he will never leave me, and I am dedicating my senior year to him. To me, that's a hero—even if he never sank a jump shot or scored a touchdown.



By T.R. Hanrahan  
Editor-in-Chief

this world is hit a baseball. Well, I bet of' Teddy Ballgame never had to change diapers, balance the checkbook, and transcribe notes for English Literature all at the same time.

Take a trip to a homeless shelter in any city in America and look at the faces of the volunteers. A lot can be learned from people who give a little of themselves to help others.

It would be just as easy for these folks to work on their short game at Loma Linda, but instead they work to provide the most basic of human needs—shelter and nourishment.

Visit a public school and watch the teachers operate under (more often than not) less than ideal circumstances. A good teacher who provides encouragement, constructive criticism, and a passion for learning is truly a hero. You probably don't even have to leave the room to see one. Look at the person at the lectern and you'll probably see someone who has made an impact on the lives of others.

Personally, my heroes are my grandfather and grandmother. They worked through the Depression, built a business, and retired financially secure. Along the way they adopted my mother, a poor, shy teenager from Puerto Rico. They raised her to be a strong, confident woman with great compassion and character. My grandfather died several years ago, but he will never leave me, and I am dedicating my senior year to him. To me, that's a hero—even if he never sank a jump shot or scored a touchdown.

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Great expectations

Excellent grades are not enough anymore

Recent graduates of Missouri Southern State College have experienced a different climate in the job-seeking process than graduates of years past. The pressure on companies and organizations to be competitive in quality and cost has forced them to be more demanding of prospective new employees.

Good grades alone are not enough anymore. Companies want to see if the prospects have the ability to communicate well and if they are poised and self-confident in meeting customers and in working with suppliers and fellow workers. Employers are also interested in applicants who exhibit self-discipline, have the ability to learn on their own, and are capable of performing in an environment that requires "active" participation in problem-solving and decision-making.

This is from the requirements of the past, when it seemed as if the most important characteristics sought in prospective employees were good grades, the ability to follow instructions, and the ability to learn (when trained by others).

All of this is prompted by what management guru and author of the best-seller *In Search of Excellence*, Tom



By Dr. Julio Leon  
College President

BACKGROUND: Leon has been president of Missouri Southern since 1982.

maintain anything like our current living standard." And to do that, Peters adds, "Companies must use revolutionary approaches to applying workers' imaginations to customer problems—creating much productivity improvement for customers."

So as companies seek to apply revolutionary approaches to quality, as they seek to improve the productivity of their customers, they search for new employees who are capable of functioning in that type of environment, and thus, the need for graduates to demonstrate they can communicate effectively, to show they can actively engage in the solutions of problems from day one. Colleges and faculty who care for their students (their customers) are now in the process of restructuring curricula, programs, and teaching strategies to improve the productivity of the graduates.

—Please turn to LEON, page 5

## THE CHART

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## CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

# Counselors help students climb professional ladder of success

Vacancy bulletin lists positions, contact numbers

By PAULA SMITH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Every rung on the career ladder is important, and Missouri Southern's career planning and placement office offers free assistance to give students a boost.

Career counseling helps students find careers that are best suited to them. The placement office has two career counselors who are available to answer questions about careers and help guide students in choosing a career that fits their needs.

Another one of their services is resume consultation. Students may bring in a rough draft or a previous resume, and the placement office staff will help them organize the information. They have examples of effective resumes, cover letters, and thank-you letters.

The staff publishes a weekly, comprehensive vacancy bulletin which lists all the positions and contact information the office

receives from employers. It also contains important announcements and a schedule of on-campus interviews. A six-month subscription is \$5 for students, \$10 for alumni, and \$15 for the general public. Anyone who is interested in subscribing to the bulletin may sign up at the placement office in Room 207 of the Billingsly Student Center or call 625-9343.

The placement office also offers on-campus interviews. Recruiters visit Southern periodically to interview seniors for full-time entry-level positions which begin after graduation. Dates and qualifications for interviews are posted on campus, listed in the vacancy bulletin, and published in *The Chart*. Interested persons may contact the placement office for an appointment.

Job search workshops are held at various times during the semester to assist students in planning and executing an effective job search. The workshops cover all aspects of the job search. Dates and locations for the workshops will be posted around campus and will also appear in *The Chart*.

The placement office maintains

a career library which contains information on hundreds of employers and school districts as well as career-oriented magazines.

Placement office counselors can help students set up informational interviews with a professional who works in a career in which a student is interested. An interview could not only help students better understand a career, but it could also help them meet people they need to know to get a job.

Mock interviews are another service provided by the placement office. Counselors can help students improve and develop their interviewing skills and identify key questions which will help them during an actual interview.

Another service of the placement office is resume referrals. Students file their resumes with the placement office, which sends them to employers meeting certain criteria.

Students may also have their credentials included in their resume file. The placement office staff will reproduce a student's information and mail it in a green Southern credentials folder with a gold seal. The first

five sets of credentials are mailed free. Each set thereafter costs \$2.

Career Seekers United is a support group sponsored by the placement office for people who are changing, beginning, and developing their careers. Members learn through group discussions, networking, and guest speakers. The meetings are held every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be Sept. 20. Anyone interested in joining the club may contact the placement office for more information.

The placement office hosts a Career Information Day every fall to help Southern students obtain information about a variety of career fields from representatives of various organizations and companies. This year's event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Teacher Placement Day is hosted by the placement office for education majors to meet prospective employers. This event is slated for spring.

The placement office hours are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.

## THE NEXT LEVEL



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Dr. Judy Hileman, director at UMKC's distance learning program, distributes papers to graduate nursing students Friday. More than 40 students are enrolled in graduate nursing courses at Southern.

By SHERYL SILVER

If you're about to graduate from college this year, you're undoubtedly encouraged by reports that the job market for new graduates is improving. Despite the good news, however, the market remains competitive, particularly for liberal arts grads whose skills and knowledge base tend to be less clearly defined than those graduating with degrees in such fields as computer science, physical therapy, or engineering.



Silver

For these new graduates, as for job hunters in general, knowing how the job market works and approaching it strategically, can make the difference between a long job search with slim results, and a more fruitful search that

produces high quality results quickly. If you're looking for the latter outcome, consider the following factors to expedite the process:

#### Think Small Too!

All too often, new graduates, as well as more experienced professionals, limit their job searches to the Fortune 500 or other large companies with whose names and reputations they may be familiar. With many of the nation's larger companies downsizing and cutting back on entry level hiring, it behoves job hunters at all levels to include the nation's smaller businesses among the employers they target.

In fact, if futurists are correct, most new jobs filled during this decade will be found in small companies. Directories available in local libraries can alert you to some of the fast growing small companies that may be good

prospects.

#### Be Flexible About Objectives

In today's tight job market, you "ideal" or "preferred" job may not always be immediately attainable. Demonstrating a flexible attitude in regard to job title, salary level, and even geographic location can be essential in landing a first job.

For instance, not infrequently new graduates get offers for entry level administrative support or secretarial positions from employers they approach for other types of positions. Many professionals who began their careers in similar office support roles encourage new graduates to give serious consideration to these entry level alternatives. Getting your foot in the door of a company as a sales secretary or marketing assistant, for instance, provides an opportunity to become familiar with the com-

pany's products, vendors, customers, and sales staff, and ultimately to be one of those considered for internal promotion when a vacancy in that department arises.

Flexibility should also be applied in the area of compensation. The difference of \$1000-\$3000 in salary for a first job out of college is relatively insignificant if the job represents an opportunity to prove yourself in a growing company or industry.

**Networking: The Best Percentage Game**

Published positions-be they posted on campus or advertised in a newspaper-typically draw significant numbers of applicants. As a result, "networking," or the use of personal contacts to gain access to employers, is often a more productive way to gain access to decision makers.

Networking can even be used to penetrate the barrage of resumes

and telephone calls that typically come in response to advertised positions. An introduction to the hiring manager or corporate human resource executive by a mutual contact or employee of the company that's advertising, can help you circumvent the pile of resumes on a hiring manager's desk and get you an invitation to interview.

Sheryl Silver is a nationally published columnist and consultant specializing in the fields of employment, career management, and outplacement. Since initiating her weekly career column in 1982, Silver has gone on to have more than 700 articles published on career-related topics in major newspapers throughout the U.S. She also has served as editor and a featured writer for more than 60 special supplements on career issues published by The Washington Post.

## Knowing market vital to job hunt

JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY

# SBA aids entrepreneurs

Dear Joyce: You have recommended the SCORE volunteers, a service of the Small Business Administration. These are retired business people who share for free their business acumen to help business newcomers over the bumps. Well, I did try. My SCORE volunteer was well-meaning but not a great help. What I really need is money to pep up my wilting business. What now? — K.S.

Try SCORE again. Ask for another volunteer adviser. Like career counselors in an organization, the whole should not be judged by the lackluster performance of one of the parts. Ask for the specific type of expertise you need.

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a ton of services to people like you. Now there's a new free 48-page SBA booklet that comprehensively tells "Who We Are and What We Do."

You'll find thumbnail descriptions of the program spectrum, including financial assistance, minority enterprise development, business counseling, women's business ownership, international trade, SBA computer bulletin boards and government contracting.

Where do you get the booklet? You can write to SBA headquarters at 409 Third St., Washington, D.C. 20416, or obtain through a SBA local

office. If you can't find one in your city, call the SBA Answer Desk: (800) 8-ASK-SBA.

For business newbies seeking start-up funds, or active players seeking expansion capital, six basic roads lead up the money mountain, says Alan Warr, assistant director of the Skylane Small Business Development Center at Warren County Community College in Washington, N.J. Skylane is one of the 56 Small Business Development Centers around the country administered through the SBA. Warr's list:

1. Friends and relatives. A basic source, but always draw up a formal agreement, never a handshake.

2. Private investors. Network your way through accountants, doctors, lawyers and other professionals looking for bigger investment returns. Lots of opportunities here.

3. Venture capital firms. These firms exchange money for equity or part ownership and usually require a formal presentation.

4. Banks and lending institutions. They can't be hurried, and while they've been the chief providers of loans in the past, they are now investing in areas with less risk and government regulation than small business. Develop an ongoing relationship with the commercial lending officers of more than one institution, but don't count on the relationship to get you through the loan approval process.

5. Government. Rarely do governments make grants to business, but agencies do issue guarantees to private institutions to

partially support your loan. The average size of an SBA guaranteed loan is \$175,000 for about eight years; the guarantee is for 85% to 90%.

6. Creative approaches. You can sell your receivables to factors to get money quick. You can sell gift certificates to customers, or have companies prepay for goods to be delivered later. You can use trade credit to stretch out payment terms for goods you buy. You can get periodic work-in-progress payments from customers contracting to buy goods and services.

You must be organized and focused with a written business plan to get a loan. A couple of little-known books I've had good feedback on are "The Money Connection: Where and How to Apply for Business Loans and Venture Capital" and "Raising Capital: How to Write a Financing Proposal." Both are written by Lawrence Flanagan and published by Oasis Press/PSI Research in Grants Pass, Ore., (800) 228-2275.

"Careers" columnist Joyce Lain Kennedy is recognized as America's most prominent journalist in her field. In 1989 she joined the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, where her twice-weekly columns are distributed to such newspapers as the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, Dallas Morning News, Daily Oklahoman, and Seattle Times. The second edition of her best-selling book, Joyce Lain Kennedy's Career Book was published in 1992.

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Missouri Southern has been rethinking its mission, its curriculum, and its teaching strategies in the last few years in response to these changing times. An additional emphasis in international education has been added to the mission of the institution, the Core Curriculum has been revised, and the faculty are incorporating into their classes more and more "active" teaching strategies designed to develop and improve the skills and characteristics required by employers today. The addition of Writing-Intensive courses to the required curriculum is an example of how the College intends to work hard on improving the communication skills of its graduates.

The College is also working very hard on raising its expectations of present and future students. Over the last few years, the admission standards of the College have been gradually increased. And starting in 1996, all recent high school graduates applying to the College will be required to have a minimum high school Core Curriculum consisting of the more demanding, higher-level courses, such as Algebra II, Geometry, four years

of English, two years of specific science courses, etc.

Current students can expect Missouri Southern faculty to be more demanding as well. We mentioned above how employers expect their employees to "hit the ground running" and "actively" participate in developing creative solutions to customer problems. We also mentioned how our faculty are introducing more and more "active" teaching strategies to get our graduates ready. But the learning process cannot be one-sided. No matter how good the teacher, no matter how good the teaching strategies, proper learning and development will not occur unless the learner is fully "engaged" as well.

The faculty and the College can only do so much. As the cup of knowledge and wisdom is offered, the student must want to drink from it eagerly in order to grow and develop. That is why students at Missouri Southern can get the best return on their investment if they conform to what the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators calls "Reasonable Expectations."

**Proposition: Colleges expect their students:**

(a) to prepare for every class and structured learning activity;

(b) to invest the time and effort demanded by course requirements;

(c) to participate fully in classroom activities;

(d) to behave in a courteous, supportive manner to peers and teachers;

(e) to complete assignments in a timely fashion; and

(f) to strive to apply what they learn in class to their lives outside the classroom and vice versa.

We live in a time of changing expectations. More than ever, around the world, all sorts of institutions focus their energies and their commitments on important concepts exemplified by the terms such as "quality," "excellence," "efficiency," "low cost," "productivity," "involvement," etc. These terms and concepts apply to Missouri Southern State College as well. If Missouri Southern graduates are going to be successful, the teaching and learning process must get from our students the meaningful involvement and commitment exemplified in the above-mentioned expectations. Only then can Missouri Southern graduates feel confident that this institution has given them the best tools possible to operate successfully in the 21st century.

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## Attention Students!

Do you have a question related to a career or graduate school program? Send it to Paula at *The Chart*, 333 Webster Hall, or call 625-9311. Questions will be answered in an upcoming issue on this page.



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SIGHTS,  
SOUNDS,  
and so on...

## ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre  
47-625-9393  
September 14, 15, 16, 17- True West  
October 19, 20, 21, 22- Vanities.  
Matthews Hall Auditorium  
September 20- "Missouri 49"  
October 4- "The Browning Version"  
October 18- "Therese Desqueyroux."

## JOPLIN

Champs Bar and Grill  
782-4944  
Tomorrow and Saturday-  
Slick Alibi.  
Wednesday September 15-  
Jimmy D. Lane with Blue Earth.  
Spiva Arts Center  
623-0183

Now till October 9- The Art of  
Women Printmakers.  
Today and September 15- Art for Dessert.  
Friday September 16- 3rd  
Friday on 3rd street.

## CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner  
Theatre  
47-358-9665  
September 15- Neil Simon's  
The Odd Couple.

## SPRINGFIELD

Shrine Mosque  
47-831-2727  
Today- Jackyl with Bruce Dickinson.  
Sept. 16- Nine Inch Nails with  
Marilyn Manson.  
Juanita K. Hammons Hall for  
the Performing Arts  
1-800-404-3133

Saturday October 22- Swan Lake.  
December 17 and 18- The Nutcracker.

## COLUMBIA

Faurot Field  
1-800-228-7297  
September 18- Rolling Stones with Lenny Kravitz.

## KANSAS CITY

Sandstone Amphitheatre  
Wednesday September 28-  
Aerosmith with Collective Soul.  
Friday- September 30-  
Eagles.  
Liberty Memorial-  
Spirit Fest.  
Today- Kansas, Loverboy,  
and Missouri.  
September 2- James Brown.  
September 3- B.B. King,  
Little Feat, Dr. John. Sunday  
September 4- Daltry sings  
Townshend.  
Kemper Arena  
816-931-3330  
October 28- Eric Clapton  
with Jimmie Vaughn.  
(Date is tentative)

## ST. LOUIS

Riverport Amphitheatre  
314-534-1111  
Tomorrow- John Mellencamp.  
Monday- September 26-  
Aerosmith with Collective Soul.  
The Fabulous Fox  
314-534-1678  
Sunday September 18- Al Green with Betty Wright.  
September 29- Steven Curtis Chapman with Newsboys.  
September 30- Sinbad.  
Keil Auditorium  
October 27- Eric Clapton with Jimmie Vaughn.  
(Date is tentative)

## TULSA

Unde Bentley's  
918-664-6967  
Today- Mad Daddy.  
Friday and Saturday- Jim Sweeney.  
Every Sunday- The Swinging Johnsons.  
September 9 and 10-  
Stephen Hero.

## ART DEPARTMENT

## Art students journey to Denmark, Sweden

## Group spends summer overseas

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

Ten Southern art students, along with some family and friends, traveled to Scandinavia this summer.

The trip, supervised by Jim Bray, head of the art department and Jon Fowler, associate professor of art, was a first for Southern art students. Scholarships from the Katherine Hyde Charitable Trust Fund helped finance the trip. The students were selected by portfolio quality, grade-point average, and interview evaluation.

The adventure began with a

plane trip from Tulsa to Chicago on May 25. From there they flew eight hours non-stop to Copenhagen, Denmark. Major sites the group visited in Denmark included the Tivoli Gardens, the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, and the walking area Stroget, which is the longest pedestrian street in Europe.

Regular painting classes were held in the midst of numerous field trips and presentations. The group stayed in the residence halls of the Folkhögskola school while in Sweden. Incidentally, four Swedish students from the Folkhögskola school now attend Southern through an exchange program.

They covered a lot of ground in Stockholm using the subway system, ferries, and other forms

of unique transportation.

One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the Vasa, a restored navy gun ship that sank in a Stockholm harbor in 1628. Raelene Nickols, senior art major, was amazed at the ship's excellent condition.

"The Swedish people have an innate understanding of their art," Nickols said. "They are very concerned with preserving everything they have."

This trip not only gave the students an opportunity to learn more about art on foreign soil, but it also introduced Southern students to the Swedish culture.

"Once you make a friend there it's a friend for life," Bray said.

Bray said the trip was a good experience that broadened the students' horizons.

## ON THE ROAD



RAELENE NICHOLS/Special to The Chart

Ten Missouri Southern students, led by art Department Head Jim Bray, made the journey from Joplin to Scandinavia this summer.

"I was real proud of our people and how much energy they put into this," Bray said. "They represented the school extremely well."

After a two-month field trip,

however, everyone was glad to come back home.

A recommendation will be made sometime early this fall about another trip; possibly next year.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Meeks assumes leadership of Lion Pride Band

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

Football season is around the corner, and the interim director of the Lion Pride Marching Band can't wait.

Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, will take over as director of the band for the outdoor practice season. Meeks will temporarily replace Pete Havely, who is taking a medical leave. He expects to make a full return by

next year.

Meeks is anxious to get the season underway. He plans on changing presentations from game to game as well as adding a pregame presentation in conjunction with the cheerleaders and the flag squad.

Havely has no worries about the band's fall season under Meeks.

"He's extremely capable and experienced," Havely said. "The band is definitely in good hands."

Meeks received his master's degree from Arkansas State

University and has been teaching at Missouri Southern since 1986.

"What we want to do is build school spirit," Meeks said. "We want to get the crowd a little more excited at the games."

Meeks is also excited about working with the band members, whom he said are enthusiastic and "loaded" with talent. According to the new band director, the level of enthusiasm of this group is a notch higher than last year's group.

"This is a great bunch of young folks," he said. "We're very fortunate to get the level of talent that we get in this school."

Meeks's main target is young commuter students. With Southern primarily a commuter campus, game attendance sometimes suffers due to transportation problems.

"We are trying to make a more conducive and attractive atmosphere where those commuters will come in and see our team play," Meeks said. "I want many of our young adults to have a 100 percent collegiate experience."

Band members seem optimistic

about playing under Meeks.

"He makes long, hot practices enjoyable," said Melanie Spalding, sophomore clarinet player.

Sophomore flute player Jennifer Elrod already senses a change from last year.

"Meeks has brought new ideas and new music to increase the spirit at this year's Lion Pride Band," she said. "It is our hope that the fans will react positively to these changes and become more involved in cheering our team on."

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## DeLaughder eyes national crown

Senior debater eager to compete with best

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

One Missouri Southern debater has a theory about success.

"Good debaters are not born, they're made," says Ken DeLaughder of the Southern debate team.

DeLaughder, 25, is a senior speech communications transfer from Kansas State University.

He finished fifth in the nation last year

Eric Morris and former debate partner Paul Hood. He also credits Richard Massa, head of the department of communications, for making sure the squad has the resources and budget it needs to travel.

"Mr. Massa is one of the main reasons I stayed at Southern instead of transferring," he said.

Despite all of the time he devotes to debate, DeLaughder has managed to hold a 3.1 grade-point average. Being an avid racing fan, he goes to

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-Ken DeLaughder



in the national tournament, and now DeLaughder is setting his sights on becoming the national champion. Even though he doesn't know who is partner is yet, he believes he can contend with the best.

"If the partner situation works out and if the resources are there, then there's no reason why I don't have a legitimate shot at the national title," he said. "That's what keeps me going."

DeLaughder thrives on competition and everything it takes to be successful. Winning is the No. 1 reason he's in debate.

According to DeLaughder, there aren't many opponents tougher than Southern.

"Southern can be a national champion," he said. "It's a real tribute to the College that we can say that about an activity that's as nationally competitive as debate is."

Among his influences at Southern are former head coach

Joplin 66 Speedway just about every weekend he's not debating. He worked on a political campaign over the summer and continues to keep a keen interest in politics.

Known for his intensity and desire to win, DeLaughder earned the nickname Hedge (short for hegemony), which means that he challenges everyone to work harder and faster. His competitive spirit allows him to spend the 40-plus hours of researching it takes to excel at the top level.

"He walks around always keeping everybody on their toes," said teammate Jason Newton.

The bottom line to DeLaughder's success is his passion for knowledge.

"I believe in some ways that I've learned more through debate and through researching at a nationally competitive level than I had in any classroom."

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## ELECTION '94

# Burton, West to square off

Race on for General Assembly seat

By CRAIG BEFFA  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

The race for the 128th district seat of the Missouri House of Representative seems to be under way for both candidates.

Joplin City Council member and Democratic challenger Jim West said he and his 12-person committee are "going full steam ahead" for the Nov. 8 election.

West said he is dedicated to the wants and needs of the people, not only of Joplin, but of Webb City, Carl Junction, and the rest of Missouri.

"I believe that the current representative has forgotten about Webb City and Carl Junction," he said.



West

"I have a strong business mind and am 100 percent for education and the environment," he said. "I believe in the quality of life in Joplin."

Republican incumbent Gary Burton seeks his fourth term in Jefferson City.

Burton has served on such committees as budget, education, transportation, energy and environment, and insurance.

Burton has championed many different bills in Jefferson City.

"I've worked with many industries to help them meet the requirements for the Clean-Air Act, as we establish the requirements," he said.

He has also worked on revising workers' compensation laws and championed Missouri Southern's effort to pay off Webster Hall. That measure was cut in the Senate joint committee, and the final bill paid only \$2 million of the \$2.5 million debt.

"This year we want to pass a bond issue to pay off the rest of the building," Burton said.

Burton has a positive attitude about being an incumbent.

"It is a definite advantage," he said.

"It would be difficult for a new representative to grasp the complex of everything. They would have to learn major issues and how to deal with them."

West believes because of his Council experience, he can serve the people better.

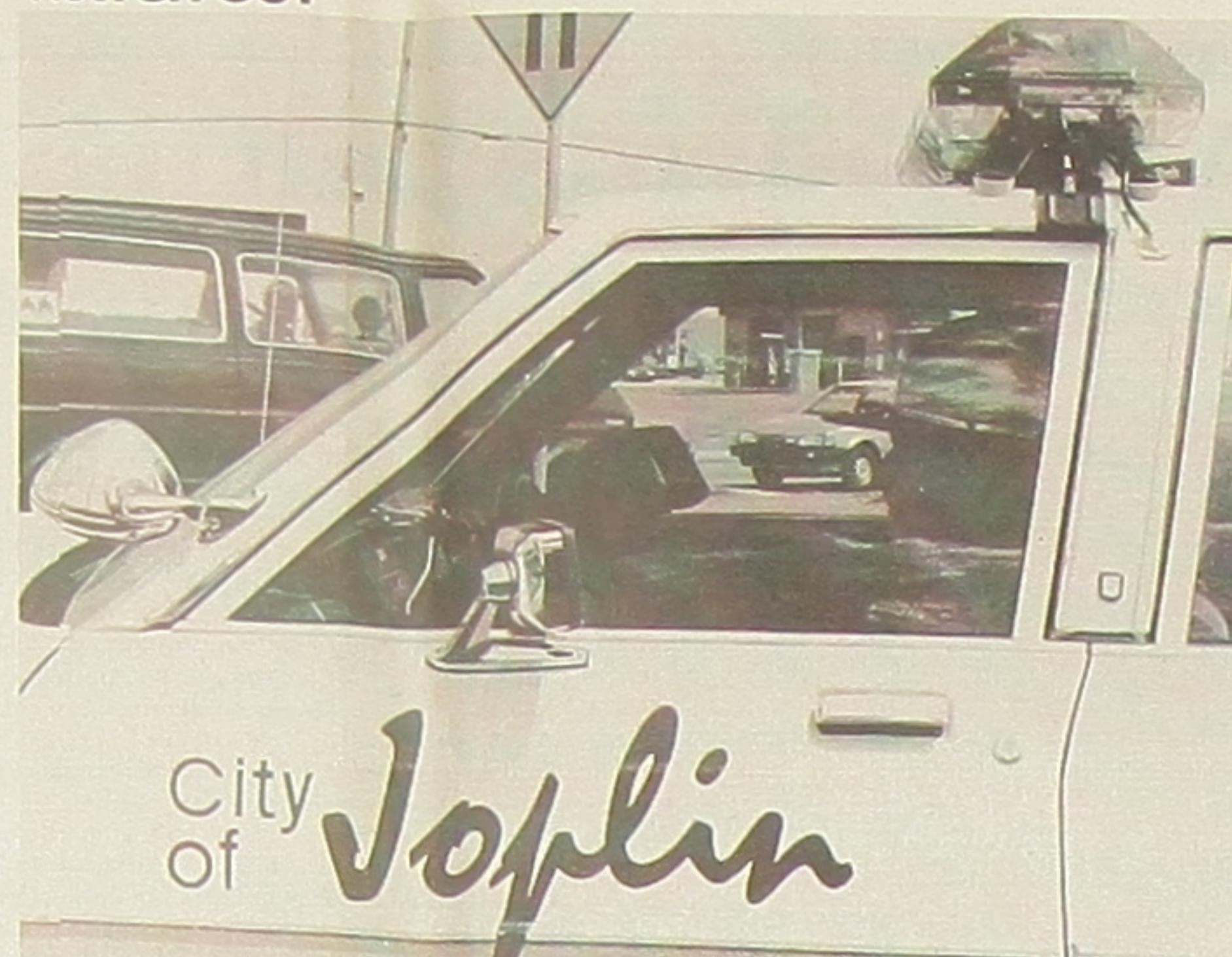
"Not many can say they have taken part in 99 percent of the votes and been able to be a part almost every issue," he said.

West stresses that his campaign will be based mainly on the issues and there will be no mudslinging.

West

Burton

## WATCH OUT



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

## AREA CONSTRUCTION

## Joplin to gain new center

By CHRIS BUNCH  
STAFF WRITER

A new shopping center soon will occupy the empty land on the east side of Range Line near Newman Road.

The new center, to be located on the north 500 block of Range Line, joins a number of new businesses concentrated primarily on Range Line. The new shopping center will house 22 units ranging in sizes from 1,500-square-foot shops to much larger shops with the option of additional land if the need for expansion rises. The total planned size for the center is 40,000 to 60,000 square

feet.

The center is being built by Mike and Becky Hyman, who own Hyman Enterprises, a local real estate development firm.

Tri State Builders will serve as the general contractors. Completion time is estimated around the holiday shopping season.

Feelings from area business people on the shopping center have been mixed.

"It will have little impact on (Northpark) Mall," said Mike Beattie, vice president at Office 1 Super Stores. "It may draw some of the small shops away if the rent is right, but it will not have a major impact."

Some people believe it will have a positive impact on business at Northpark Mall.

"I think it will help business at the mall if there are good stores that go in," said Sam Fancher, manager of TD's Sports Cards. "If people shop there, hopefully they will go ahead and stop at the mall, because of the proximity."

According to Mike Hyman, the new center will provide 50-100 new jobs. He hopes to take advantage of the Range Line traffic and provide many new services for Joplin residents.

The building will boast a unique design combining con-

## RESTAURANTS

## Club 609: Place to go in Joplin

Great atmosphere, reasonable prices and palate choices

By WILLIAM GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

I have definitely found the place to go in Joplin.

Combine a great atmosphere, a variety of palate choices, a reasonable price, and you have Club 609, located at 609 Main St. in Joplin.

This was my first visit to Club 609, and it was an extremely pleasant one.

When I walked through the door, I was surprised at what was around me. The restaurant's dining area was filled with friendly, casual warmth. The walls were covered with art by Duane Cash, a local artist featured this month (each month the artwork is changed). There was upbeat music playing, which seemed to put the clientele at ease. There was laughing and conversations going on around the room, which created a comfortable setting. Was I in New York?

My party and I went to the bar for a drink. We were greeted by

the bartender, who quickly made our drinks. I was amazed at the prices of the drinks, and was told happy hour had begun. I have not been to any establishment whose happy hour had been so generous.

After drinks, we were summoned to our table. Our server, Marva, made our acquaintance and freshened our drinks. As my party and I conversed, we scanned our menus. I decided on the charbroiled chicken with honey and lime glaze. My companion chose the spinach artichoke dip.

My salad was a generous portion of salad greens decorated with pretzels and the normal vegetable garnishes. I chose the garlic ranch dressing, which added the right amount of seasoning to the already attractive salad. Freshly baked bread was brought along with the salad.

The entree also did not disappoint. My plate contained two chicken breasts, steamed broccoli, and a foil-wrapped baked potato with a side of butter and sour cream. Although the chick-

## CONSTRUCTION

## Highway 71 to move eastward

By SALLY GRIFFIN  
STAFF WRITER

Conditions are looking better for travelers between Neosho and Joplin on Highway 71, as the once-dangerously small road is moving east.

According to Jerry Bradley, district highway design engineer, the move was necessary.

"We needed to increase the capacity and safety on this road," he said.

"It is to become a four-lane highway, which is a needed improvement."

Missouri Southern students also believe this is a welcome and much needed improvement.

Scott Brown, sophomore English major and Neosho resident, said he welcomes the changes.

"There have been a great deal too many accidents occurring on this road for much too long," he said.

"I am glad that something is finally being done."

Construction is taking place between I-44 and Tipton Ford, Mo. This section will reach completion in early 1995.

This section of road repairs, estimated at \$34 million, was made possible by the statewide gasoline tax.

A second phase of construction will begin in early 1995. This phase will encompass the stretch of road between Tipton Ford and the Arkansas state line.

When the project is complete it will be part of an interstate that will run from Kansas City to Shreveport, La.

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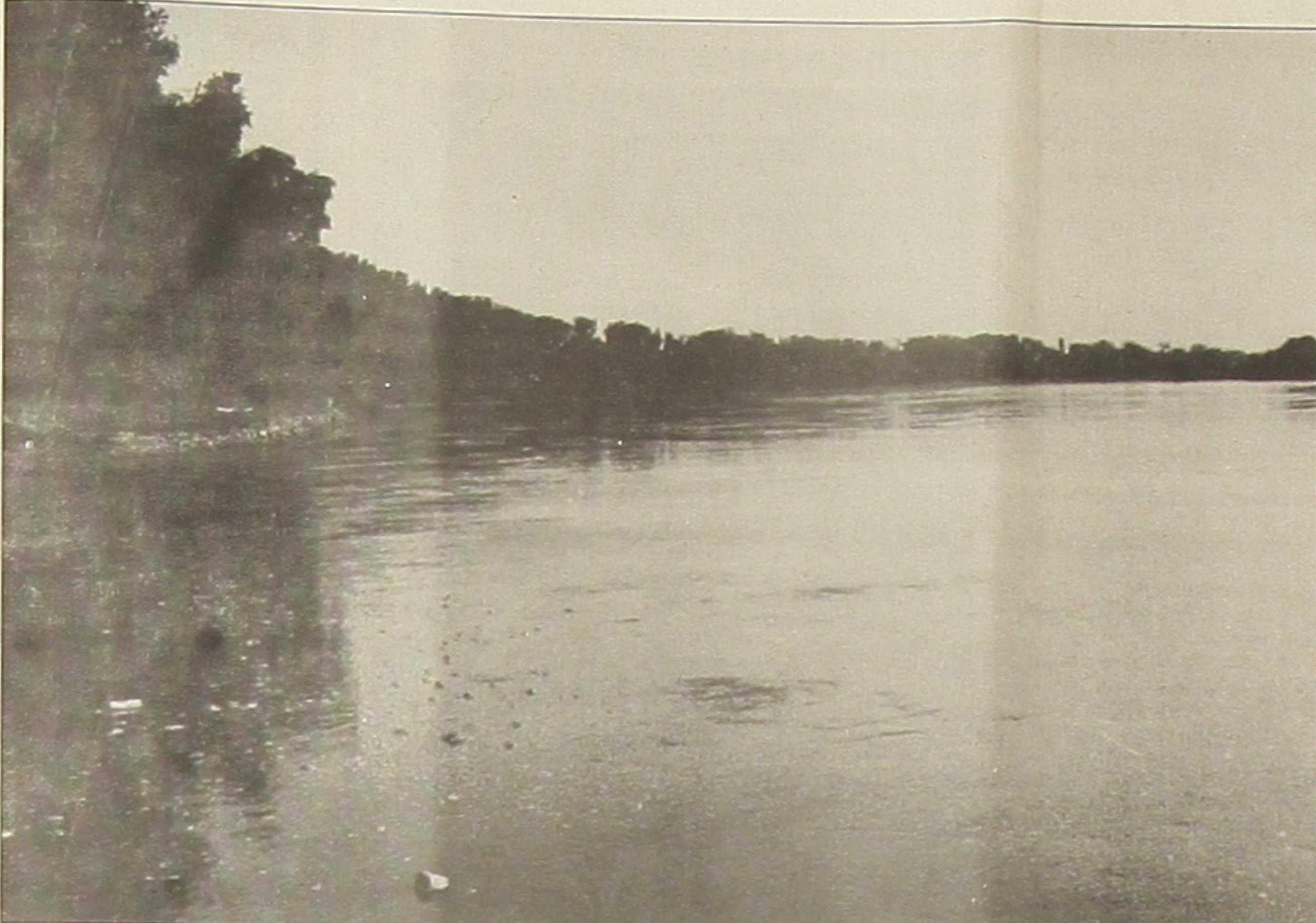
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# Border War?

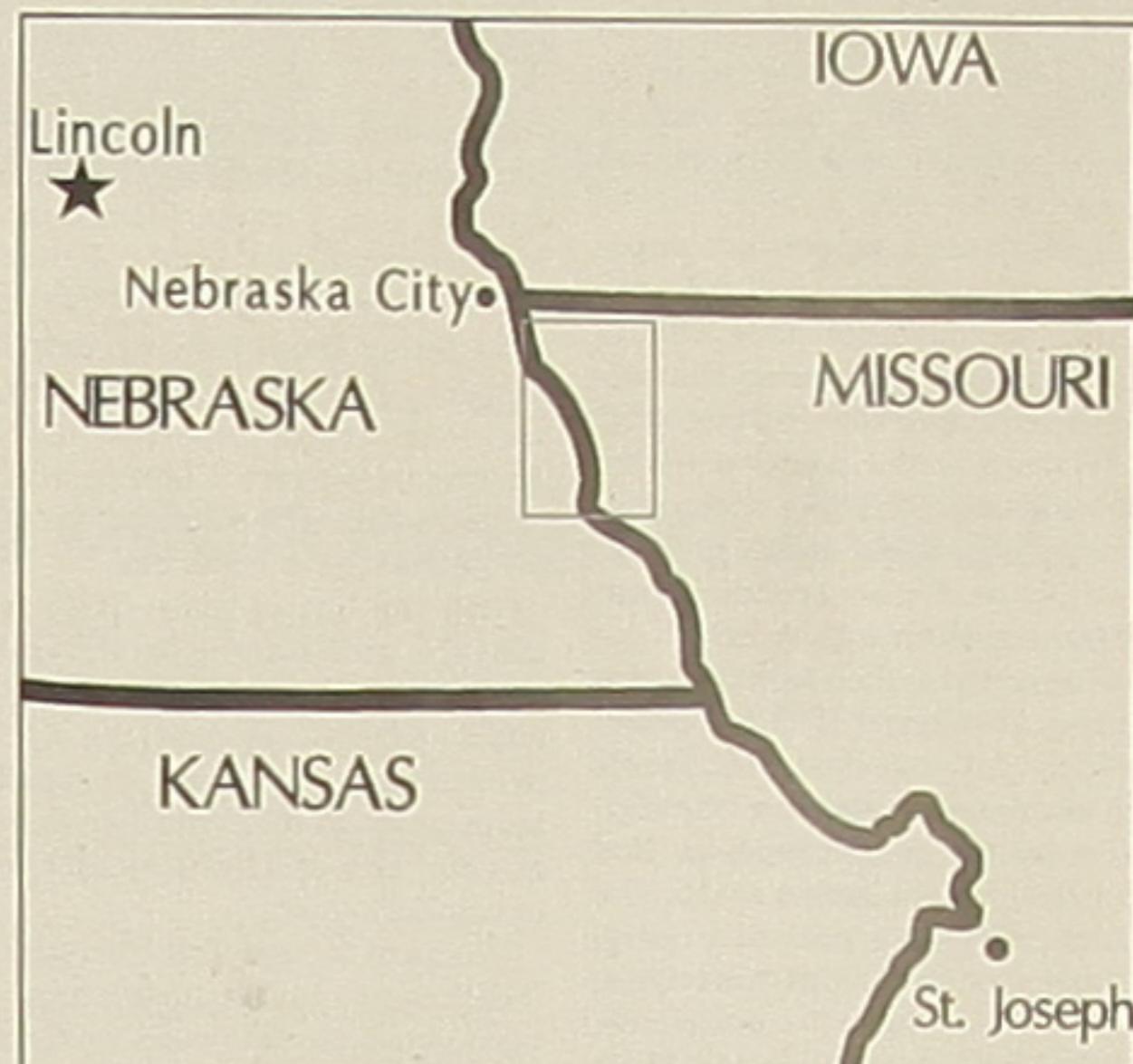
## Farmers face tax levies on same land in 2 states



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

The wandering Missouri River has caused problems for surveyors charged with determining the location of the state line between Missouri and Nebraska. A sudden shift in the river's course in the 1860s left McKissicks Island, a 5,000-acre parcel of Nebraska, on the east side of the river. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has told state and county officials that levies and other flood control devices will keep the river in its present position.

Since the 1860s, the Missouri River has changed course a number of times. However, the state line between Missouri and Nebraska has not officially been moved. Now no one is sure where the border is and the dispute is causing a lot of inconvenience for residents of the area.



The land in question is located along the river in Atchison County in the northwest corner of Missouri, approximately one mile south of the Iowa-Missouri border. The debate also involves Holt County in Missouri and Otoe, Nemaha, and Richardson counties in Nebraska.

## Officials seek solution for 130-year-old boundary dispute

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**A** 130-year-old dispute between Missouri and Nebraska that has forced some farmers to pay taxes in both states on the same property may be solved in the next two years.

Changes in the course of the Missouri River over the past century have left portions of Nebraska high and dry on the Missouri side of the river.

Robert Myers, Missouri state land surveyor, said an agreement under discussion by border commissions in both states would place the state line back in the middle of the Missouri River. For the border to be changed, identical legislation must be passed by both state legislatures and signed by both governors. Congress then must ratify the legislation and the President must sign it.

"We are in the process of developing model legislation right now," Myers said. "If we are

lucky, we can get it passed by both states this [session]."

Nebraska officials say stumbling blocks remain before they can sign off on the agreement.

Nebraska state Sen. Floyd Vrtiska represents the area most affected by any agreement in the state's unicameral legislature. He said while putting the boundary in the river makes sense, a number of details remain to be worked out.

"It's too bad this wasn't done when the land was all brush and trees," Vrtiska said. "Now McKissicks and Evans Islands [on the east side of the Missouri River] are some of the most valuable land in Nemaha County (Neb.)."

The proposed agreement would leave McKissicks Island in Nebraska while handing Evans Island over to Missouri.

Mike Jess, chairman of the Nebraska boundary commission, said taxing agencies in Richardson, Nemaha, and Otoe Counties collectively stand to lose some \$42,000 if the state

line is moved to the Missouri River. He said at the last joint meeting between the two boundary commissions in July public reaction fell into two categories.

"Property owners are generally favorable to relocating the boundary, while the political sub-divisions are resistant, citing tax revenue losses," he said.

Jess said getting the agreement through the Nebraska legislature this year could be difficult.

"It's a little early to know, but Vrtiska has indicated he would oppose the legislation, and that would make it difficult to pass," he said.

Vrtiska said he has received complaints from local school districts as well as other agencies about the proposal. He said the local economy is not in a position to absorb any losses in tax revenue.

"We had one proposal to [stretch the tax loss] over a period of years," Vrtiska said. "That way we would be able to adjust our tax base."

On the Missouri side of the dispute, Rep. Gary Witt (D-Platt City) said pushing a proposal through the Missouri legislature should not be difficult.

"The main problem would be that sometimes bills are not deemed important enough to consider by committees," Witt said. "I just have to convince the committee chair that it is important."

The location of the state line has been disputed almost since Nebraska became a state in 1867. Myers said determining how much land is involved is difficult.

"There is about 5,000 acres on the west (Nebraska) side of the river that Missouri could claim but doesn't tax," he said. "There is about 3,400 acres on the Missouri side that is double taxed—that is land on the Missouri side that is taxed by both Missouri and Nebraska. In addition there is about 2,200-2,300 acres on the Nebraska side that Nebraska taxes and Missouri does not."

Witt said if an agreement is not reached Missouri may start taxing some of the land on the Nebraska side of the river.

"Missouri has an incentive to get this settled because we have a lot of citizens [being double taxed]," Witt said. "Nebraska has no impetus because they don't have anybody squawking over there, but their counties will lose money."

Witt said the Missouri boundary commission had trouble getting people in Nebraska to meet with the.

"We were working hard just to get Nebraska to meet with us," he said. "Finally, [Sen.] Ed Quick (D-Kansas City) asked [Gov. Mel] Carnahan to contact the Nebraska governor's office to get negotiations off dead center. If that hadn't worked, we were going to start surveying the land [Missouri claims on the Nebraska side of the river] and start sending out tax bills."

Jess said Nebraska also has been trying to resolve the issue.

"From our perspective, there

was not a like body in Missouri we could deal with," he said. "My first job as committee chairman was to write to Missouri and invite contact from an appropriate organization, but there was not a boundary commission in Missouri."

Efforts to define the border date back to the turn of the century.

In 1904 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that McKissicks Island belonged to Nebraska. In the 1960s the attorneys general for the two states reached an agreement which would have put the boundary in the river, but the Supreme Court ruled that the boundary could be changed only by a compact passed by the two states and the federal legislatures.

Jess said the Nebraska legislature passed a bill that would have created such a compact in 1971 but that Missouri was reluctant to change. The Nebraska bill had a sunset provision, which ultimately lapsed.

## Residents cope in different ways

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**W**hile bureaucrats in Missouri and Nebraska wrangle over where to put the state line, the people most affected by the controversy make due as best they can.

Dorothy Woltemath lives in a house just a few hundred yards south of the Missouri-Iowa border. A portion of her acreage on the east side of the Missouri River is among the land claimed by Nebraska. Woltemath said she has been receiving tax bills from both Atchison County in Missouri and Otoe County in Nebraska for the last three years.

"I've been paying taxes in Missouri all along," she said. "I wait for the tax sale in Nebraska and go over and buy my land back. I'd hate to even make a guess as to how much this has cost me over the years."

Woltemath said she would like to see the controversy resolved.

"The land was disputed in 1962, but that died down," she said. "I thought it was over, but I guess it was not."

Residents of McKissicks Island don't have a boundary dispute to contend with. In the 1860s this 5,000-acre tract was an oxbow in the Missouri River that was connected to Nebraska until a flood changed the Missouri's course and cut the land off.

Despite this the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the area still belonged to Nebraska, leaving its residents with no direct link to the state in which they pay taxes or vote. Sam Holliman and his wife, Mary Lou, have lived here for 50 years. They say the geography of the situation presents some unique challenges.

"It's a 75-mile round trip to conduct county business," Mary Lou Holliman said. "Also, our neighbors just a mile down the road are a long-distance phone call."

Sam Holliman said there were more advantages in the past to being in Nebraska than there are now.

"When Nebraska didn't have income tax, it was good," he said. "Same way when they didn't have sales tax. Also, our children paid in-state tuition to either Iowa or Nebraska schools."



Sam and Mary Lou Holliman



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Most of the land involved in the dispute is farmland supporting corn, soybeans, and other cash crops. Some of it is brush and wetlands along the river.

## FOOTBALL

# Lions ready to roar in '94

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

**H**ead coach Jon Lantz and his defending MIAA football champion Missouri Southern Lions will begin their quest for a second straight MIAA championship when they travel to Conway, Ark., to battle Central Arkansas University on Sept. 10.

Last season set the mark for excellence in the Southern football program. Along with the first MIAA championship in Southern history, many seniors were national record setters and award winners.

"I think each season is a separate entity into itself," Lantz said. "We have not done a lot of talking about defending championships. It was the first one ever."

"We are in the position where the idea of defending a championship is new and a little bit awkward to us. We are spending most of our time focusing on 1994."

Going into this season, the Lions lost part of their heart which put together last year's championship season. Graduates included wide receiver Rod Smith, who signed with the Denver Broncos and was designated first-team All-American, all-region, and all-conference. Quarterback and leader Matt Cook was honorable mention All-American, MIAA most valuable player, and first-team all-conference. Linebacker Ron Burton, now an assistant coach for Southern, was honored as

1994 Lions' Football		
9-10	Central Arkansas	7 p.m.
9-17	Pittsburg St.	7 p.m.
9-24	Southwest Baptist	7 p.m.
10-1	NE Missouri St.	1 p.m.
10-8	Missouri Western	7 p.m.
10-15	Central Missouri	7 p.m.
10-22	Emporia St.	2 p.m.
10-29	Washburn	2:30 p.m.
11-5	Missouri-Rolla	1 p.m.
11-12	NW Missouri St.	1:30 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

third-team All-American and first-team all-region and all-conference. Jon Franks (first-team all-conference) and Trace Maxwell are also gone.

"In losing those five, we didn't just lose five out of 22 starters, we lost great players—All-American players," Lantz said. "I don't know how many great players we have right now."

With the loss of those five key players and having to defend their title, the Lions are faced with several adversities and pressures. Lantz has stressed team unity to motivate his players for the challenges of the upcoming season.

"We have to be a unit," he said. "We have to unify. In our practices you hear the word unity a lot. Right now we're not there, but we can get there."

The new face Southern fans can keep an eye on is quarterback Doug Switzer. Switzer, a sophomore transfer from the University of Oklahoma, has not

had much experience under center since 1990, his senior year in high school.

On the field, Switzer's main strength is his textbook style of running the offense.

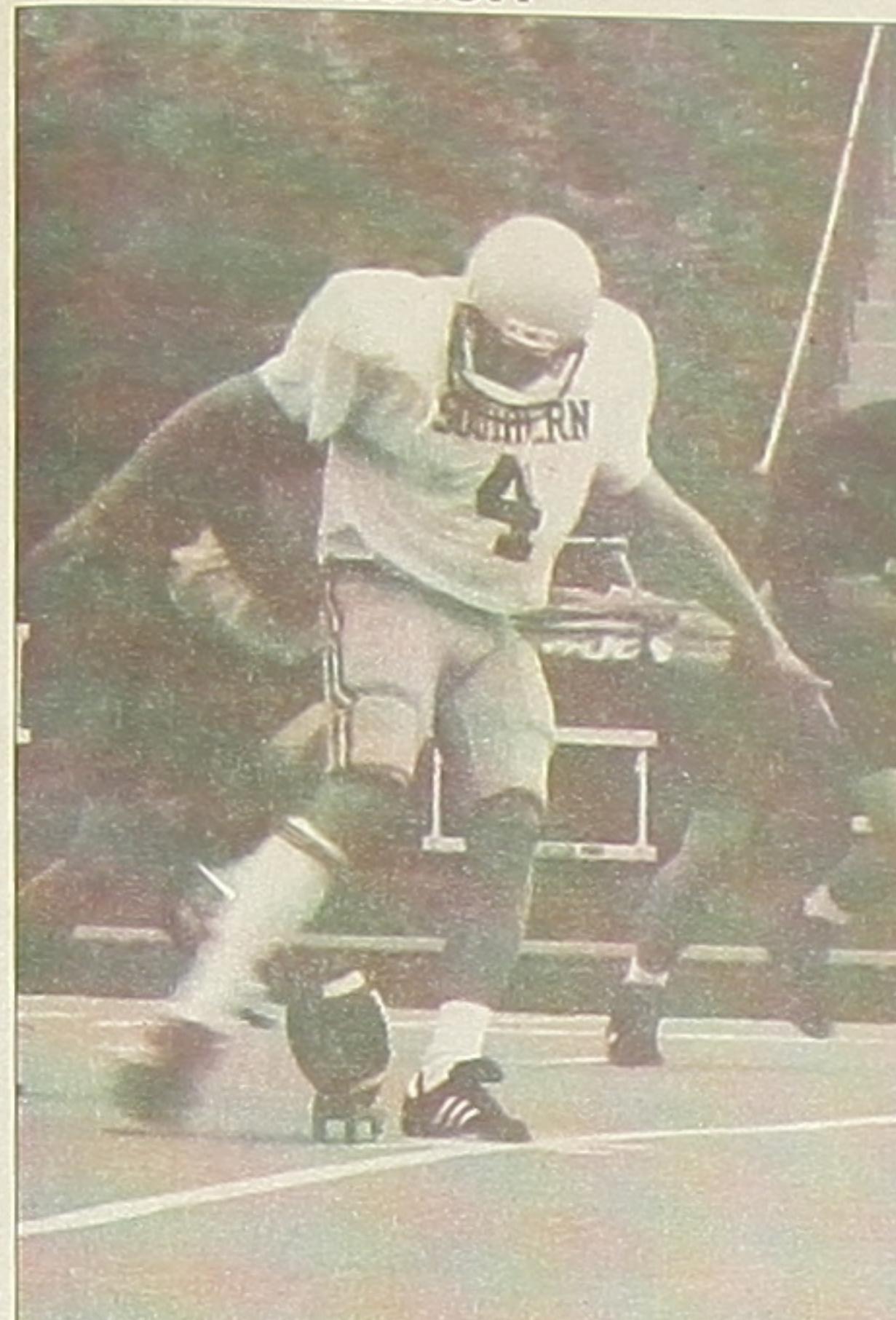
"I think Switzer's got a chance [to be good]," Lantz said. "But how long is it going to take him? A game, a week—that is the question."

With the return of eight starters for Southern, the offense will be a key factor in the team's success. Running backs Albert Bland and Jared Kaaiohelo bring great speed to balance the air attack of Switzer and receivers Gerald Brewer and Henry Sims. The offensive line returns four out of five starters from last season, led by preseason All-American selection Yancy McKnight.

On the defensive side of the ball, Southern will be returning nine starters, including Myron Davis, Melvin Monet, Brian Strain, and Cedric Florence.

In the conference, the Lions are ranked third in the pre-season polls behind Pittsburg State University and Central Missouri State University. Improving conference foes Emporia State and Missouri Western could also cause problems for Southern. Southern will play its first two games on the road against Central Arkansas and PSU, which could set the tone for the rest of the season. Central Arkansas, a physically tough and demanding team, is seen as one of the Lions' top challenges.

## SOUTHERN KICKOFF



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Missouri Southern kicker Eric Jackson tees off in practice. The Lions open the season Sept. 10 at Central Arkansas University. The home opener is Sept. 24 against Southwest Baptist University.

## SPORTS MEDIA

## New sports network comes to Joplin area

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

**W**hen the Joplin Sports Network debuts tomorrow, sports broadcasting in the Joplin area will branch out.

Jim Frazier, Missouri Southern men's athletic director, and Rusty Shelley, Joplin High School athletic director, have joined forces to form the new network. Local sports broadcaster and Southern student Ron Fauss is serving as the network's director.

The JSN is designed to promote and encourage the citizens of Joplin and its surrounding communities to get more involved in Missouri Southern and Joplin High School sports. Participating outlets are KKLL-FM (97.9), KWMQ-FM (100.3), KLTQ-AM (1140), KFSB-AM (1310), and Cablecom Channel 9 in Joplin and Webb City.

"The Joplin Sports Network has one purpose and one purpose only—to get people in attendance at the games," Frazier said.

The JSN is headed by a committee of Frazier, Shelley, Homer Wilson, liaison at

KFSB; Steve Taylor, financial director; and Fauss. This group is in control of decisions, funds, and coordination of network stations.

The difference between the old Missouri Southern Network and JSN is the amount of stations that will carry the events. The Missouri Southern Network was based on two stations, while the JSN consists of six stations.

The JSN will carry both Southern and Joplin High School athletic events on five radio stations surrounding the Joplin area. In Joplin, listeners may tune in KFSB 1310 AM, an all-sports network and flagship station for all JSN broadcasts. KKLL FM 97.9 will service an area within a 60-mile radius around Webb City. This gives regions like southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northern Arkansas, and northeastern Oklahoma exposure to Joplin sports.

The funds being collected to organize the JSN have been

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NETWORK page 11

## SOUTHERN SAYS 'GOOD-BYE'

## Tucker represented class, inspiration

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**A**s a basketball player, Chris Tucker was spectacular. As a person, he was a step above spectacular.



Tucker

Tucker, a 6-foot-9 center from Memphis, Tenn., was killed July 8 in a car accident at 18th Street and Connecticut in Joplin. Since the accident, friends and family have

had to cope with the loss of one of the most talented, inspirational athletes Missouri Southern has ever known.

Tucker came to Southern in 1990. He was a part-time starter for the Lions his freshman and sophomore seasons and a full-time starter his junior and senior years.

He was a member of the all-MIAA basketball team twice and an NCAA Division II second-team All-American. He was planning to play professional basketball in Luxembourg, a small country in central Europe.

Tucker averaged 21.6 points and 11.7 rebounds per game in his final season. He holds the Lions' record for career blocked shots.

He was known for his team-play and inspiration, qualities that sometimes can be difficult to find if you're a coach.

"Chris was the total package," said Robert Corn, men's basketball coach. "He was respected by all age groups throughout the community. He was always concerned about the team rather than the individual.

"I would certainly take a whole team of Chris Tuckers."

He was a hero on the court, but he was just as much a leader and had just as much success off the court as well.

"He was very serious academically," Corn said. "He earned his degree in four years and one summer. That's rare for an athlete."

Tucker's success in the classroom didn't always come naturally, but his desire to succeed was genuine.

"He was very conscientious," said Larry Goode, an accounting professor who was close to Tucker. "I had him in Principles of Accounting I. He finished with a D, but he came in and talked with me. He asked me whether I thought he should retake the class, and I told him that he should. The second time through the course he got an A. That's the kind of student he was."

"The only problem was that his feet were so big that they almost reached the chalkboard."

Not only was Tucker a diligent athlete and student, but he was a friend, too.

"He was a good kid," said Kelly Henderson, Tucker's former teammate and roommate. "He was a leader. He always knew what he wanted to do with his life. I still to this day can't believe he's gone."

"I looked up to him," Henderson added. "A lot of people looked up to him—he was a good role model."

Tucker has been such an inspiration to Southern athletics that his name will be put on a scholarship, The Chris Tucker Fifth Year Enhancement Scholarship, to be given to a men's basketball player. In addition, Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said he was under the impression that Tucker's name would be incorporated into Southern's annual men's basketball tournament.

It is evident that Chris Tucker's name will be remembered, whether it be etched in stone or in the thoughts of those who knew him.

"This has been one of the hardest ordeals I've ever had to go through in my life," Corn said. "Whatever we do for him, we want to make sure it's in a class way—the way Chris presented himself."

"He had 'class' written all over him."

## SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## SUNDAY

Soccer: Southwest Baptist at Southern, 1 p.m.

## MONDAY

Soccer: Central Methodist at Southern, 3 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Soccer: Rockhurst at Southern, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: Central Missouri at Southern, 7 p.m.

## INTRAMURALS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tennis  
Sign up begins Aug. 22  
Deadline Sept. 1  
Play begins Sept. 6Sand Volleyball  
Sign up begins Aug. 23  
Deadline Sept. 2  
Play begins Sept. 7

Golf League  
Sign up begins Aug. 25  
Deadline Sept. 2  
Play begins Sept. 7

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Sign up begins Aug. 29  
Deadline Sept. 8  
Play begins TBA

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## FOOTBALL

## 1993 Conference Standings

1. Missouri Southern	9-0
2. Pittsburg State	8-1
3. Missouri Western	6-2-1
4. Central Missouri State	6-2-1
5. Northeast Missouri St.	5-4
6. Emporia State	3-6
7. Northwest Missouri St.	3-6
8. Southwest Baptist	2-7
9. Missouri-Rolla	2-7
10. Washburn	0-9

## 1994 Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Pittsburg State (79)
2. Central Missouri State (67)
3. Missouri Southern (65)
4. Northeast Missouri (60)
5. Missouri Western (51)
6. Emporia State (38)
7. Missouri-Rolla (35)
8. Northwest Missouri State (24)
9. Southwest Baptist (17)
10. Washburn (14)8

## VOLLEYBALL

## 1993 Conference Standings

1. Central Missouri	17-1
2. Northeast Missouri St.	15-3
3. Missouri-St. Louis	13-5
4. Missouri Southern	12-6
5. Emporia State	10-8
6. Pittsburg State	8-10
7. Missouri Western	5-13
8. Northwest Missouri St.	5-13
9. Washburn	5-13
10. Southwest Baptist	0-18

## 1994 Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Central Missouri State (69)
2. Northeast Missouri State (80)
3. Missouri-St. Louis (76)
4. Emporia State (62)
5. Missouri Southern (61)
6. Pittsburg State (44)
7. Missouri Western (41)
8. Northwest Missouri State (36)
9. Washburn (34)
10. Southwest Baptist (18)

## SOCCER

## 1994 Conference

Missouri Southern  
Lincoln University  
Missouri-Rolla  
Missouri-St. Louis  
Northeast Missouri State  
Southwest Baptist

## NEXT ISSUE

FEATURE  
Doug Switzer: Missouri Southern has a new quarterback and leader.

## PREVIEWS

Cross Country: Get a running start on this season's Southern squad.  
Golf: The golf team swings into early action this fall.

## SPORTS COLUMN

## SOCCER

## Southern to host Shootout, finds new home in MIAA conference

By RICK ROGERS

SPORTS EDITOR

The soccer program at Missouri Southern has been busy rebuilding itself to a competitive level.

Head coach George Greenlee hopes this season's squad, led by a strong core of seniors, will carry the program to new heights as it opens against Southwest Baptist in the McDonald's Southern Shootout Sunday.

"We have been rebuilding from scratch," Greenlee said. "This is our third year, and we hope this is the year where we'll see the fruits of our efforts. We have what I would consider an older team with some experience."

Last year's squad finished a disappointing 5-12-1, but Southern lost only three players to graduation, including standout Chris Schacht. Even though the Southern season was not appealing on paper, the experience gained by this year's seniors will give direction to an otherwise young and unexperienced team.

The seniors are Amos Berry, Sean Briley, Chris Cook, Ryan Griesemer, Brian Marlow, Mike Mathis, and Jorge Pereira.

"The players that we have returning from last year have had evident experience the last

1994 Lions' Soccer	
9-3	Southwest Baptist
9-5	Central Methodist
9-7	Rockhurst
9-10-11	Tournament
9-10	Austin College
9-11	Cumberland College
9-14	SMSU
9-17	Lincoln
9-21	John Brown
9-24	Southern Nazarene U.
9-28	Southwest Baptist
10-1-2	Tournament
10-1	Ottawa University
10-2	Christian Brothers
10-5	Northeastern State
10-8	Missouri-Rolla
10-11	Missouri-St. Louis
10-14	NE Missouri State
10-22-23	Tournament
10-22	Kentucky Wesleyan
10-23	Brescia
10-26	Oral Roberts
3 p.m.	
"Home Games in Bold"	

couple of years," Greenlee said. "Seven of them are seniors, and they want to go out on a positive note. We are going to do everything we can to make sure that happens this year."

Injuries could play a factor if Southern wants to be a force in the MIAA. The experience on the Lions' bench is almost nil—considering that it is composed of freshmen and sophomores.

"Based on the training, I think we have a lot of good players,"

junior forward Paul Baker said. "Everybody expects us to do better than last year, and we do not plan to lose any games."

Three new faces include goalkeepers Chris Lewis, a freshman from Jefferson City High School; Mike Nerby, a freshman from North Dakota; and Darryl Witham, a sophomore transfer from Avila College.

"[We'll do fine] If the keeper can save the close ones and the basic ones," Greenlee said. "Last year, sometimes we let the basic ones in. A lot of it will rest with the keeper. Our keeper has to be solid."

With the leadership of the senior core, the team does not see one player as a true standout. Southern will focus its talents on playing as a team, not starring as individuals.

"We've got some local talent that we hope will help early," Greenlee said, "but you don't know until you look more [into] the starting 11 and the keeper. I think we are going to be solid team on the field."

This season, Southern has been invited back into championship play in the MIAA. Other teams included are: Lincoln University, Missouri-Rolla, Missouri-St. Louis, Northeast Missouri State, and Southwest Baptist.

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entirely raised on advertising revenues. "We have our budget set; when we meet that budget there will be no profiteering," Frazier said. "All money made over the budget goes back into promotions."

The JSN will carry play-by-play coverage of more than 150 Southern and Joplin High athletic events. The network also will give listeners in-depth sports coverage

with shows like the "Scoreboard Show," "Instant Replay," "This Week in the MIAA," and "Coach's Corner."

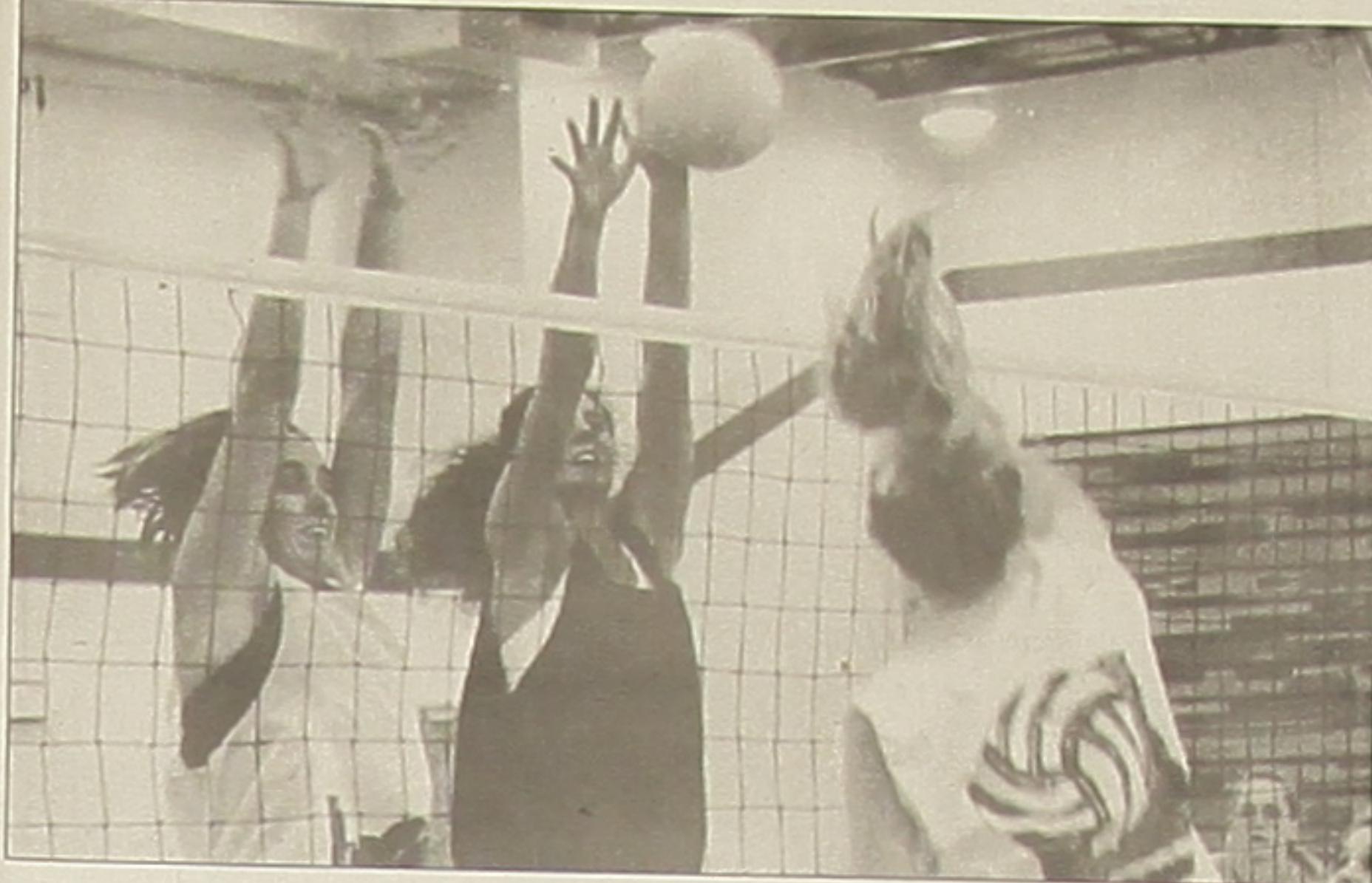
Fauss envisions the new network becoming a catalyst for increased attention to Joplin sports across the four-state area, and believes expectations are high for the network's first year.

"What we expect from the net-

work is great community excitement about both Missouri Southern and Joplin High School athletics," Fauss said. "The reason for the network was because in the past we have had separation of the two stations."

Along with game coverage, the JSN also plans promotions during Southern and Joplin High School football games.

## IN YOUR FACE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

The Lady Lion volleyball team is caught preparing for its home opener against CMSU on Wednesday.

## VOLLEYBALL

## Lady Lions open against CMSU

By RYAN BRONSON

MANAGING EDITOR

With just one senior, it would be easy for someone to think this year would be a rebuilding season for the Missouri Southern volleyball team.

But coach Debbie Traywick said she doesn't believe her team needs to rebuild—she wants players to learn to work together.

"We're young, but we are more athletic than we've ever been," Traywick said. "We're still kind of waiting for the chemistry. You don't have a long preseason in volleyball like you do in basketball or baseball."

The Lady Lions will get a pretty good idea of where they

need to be when they open up Wednesday against Central Missouri State, which has been the class of the MIAA for 12 straight years.

"They (Central Missouri) are basically a gauge," Traywick said. "If we could beat them we would know where we are. It's one of those situations where we don't have anything to lose."

Southern, which finished fourth in the conference last season, has 13 players on roster including one senior, setter Becky Harrell; two juniors, Neosho County Community College transfer Lindee Harrelson and Kari Perry; seven sophomores, Debbie Horenkamp, Neely Burkhardt, Paige Maycock, Jenny Easter, Annie Richard,

son, and Tina Snow; and three freshmen, Kristen Harris, Sara Winkler, and Stephanie Gochley.

"We have seven sophomores that all got playing time last year," Traywick said. "We're going to have to rely on our sophomores to provide a lot of our power."

On Sept. 9-10, Southern will play host in a tournament at Young Gymnasium.

Traywick, in her seventh year at Southern, said she believes all 13 players will contribute.

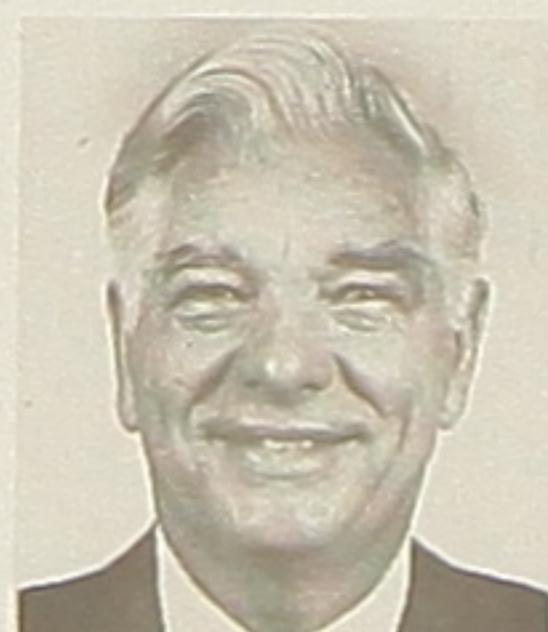
"The neat thing about having a team with 13 players is that it will take all 13 to win," she said. "If we have a player struggling or hurt, we can put someone else in and it won't hurt us."

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